

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
REGULAR WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010
6:30P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Gatling called the meeting to order at 6:50p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Latasha Gatling, Mayor Eugene Grant (Late Arrival 7:20pm), Councilmember Darrell Hardy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Gatling

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Hardy to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- Vonnya Pettigrew, Root Branch Kids Productions
- Ms. Pettigrew stated that she has spoken with the Seat Pleasant Activity Center to have the program started there this fall. The program will be in the media room donated by Kevin Durant
- The program goes from 6-8 weeks. The children research the program, and put it together.
- She would like to host another screening opportunity by Seat Pleasant. It can allow the opportunity to have Kevin Durant come back and see what has taken place in the room.
- Councilman Yeargin wanted to know the cost of the program. She stated that the cost is \$375.00 per child. She understands that the MN-CC&P have a

budget, and they may provide some assistance. However, they may need some assistance from the City.

- Councilman Hardy wanted to know the age requirements. Ms. Pettigrew stated that the age is 11-14.
- Councilwoman Stephenson wanted to know the amount on the sliding scale. Ms. Pettigrew stated that it is going to be different because Park and Planning will be recruiting the children.
- Councilman Hardy wanted to know the number of children allowed in the program. Ms. Pettigrew stated that the group will be capped at 15 children.

4. REPORTS

- None

5. NEW BUSINESS

- **5.1. Council Presidency Nomination**
- Councilman Yeargin nominated Councilman Kelly Porter
- Councilman Hardy nominated Councilwoman LaTasha Gatling
- Councilwoman Simms nominated herself for the position
- Councilwoman Simms motion to close the nomination it was seconded by Councilman Hardy.
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that election will be held on Monday, September 13, 2010.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.1. Update of City Administrator Hiring Process

- Councilwoman Simms stated that she has been unable to receive any information on the candidate of interest.
- Councilman Porter stated that he too was unable to get any information on the candidate of interest. That the municipal Officials are skeptical to release any information after receiving notice of the lawsuit from another municipality.
- Councilwoman Simms stated that we have a Human Resource Officer and they should be the person running the advertisement and putting the information together for the Council to make a decision.
- Councilwoman Gatling asked the Council, if they were in agreement with the recommendation of Councilwoman Simms.
- It was the general consensus of the Council to accept the recommendation of Councilwoman Simms by having the Human Resource Officer to run the advertisement for the position.

6.2. City Charter & City Code Review Dates for September

- Councilwoman Gatling asked the City Council if they have reviewed and compared the Charter to other Charter's for an idea of what they would like to see in the City Charter.
- Councilwoman Simms stated that she feels the discussion should be tabled until the next Council President.
- Councilman Yeargin stated that he doesn't feel the discussion should be tabled.
- Councilwoman Gatling asked the Council if they wanted to wait until after the election of the Council President to discuss the Charter and Code review.
- It was the consensus of the council to table the discussion.

6.3. City's Internal & External Audit

- Councilman Porter stated that two companies responded to the RFP. He stated that he provided the council with a copy of the responses.
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that she doesn't have a copy of the responses to the RFP. She wanted to know if they were given to the Council when she was on travel.
- Councilman Porter stated that he would have the City Clerk to make additional copies and provide to the Council.
- Councilman Porter stated that Finance & Budget Committee was prepared to make the recommendation for the internal audit. However, he would wait until the full council reviewed the packet.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

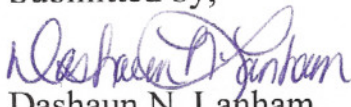
7.1. Early Voting for Gubernatorial Candidate Election, Friday, September 3, 2010, Respective Polls, 10:00am-7:00pm

7.2. Public Session, Monday, September 13, 2010, Council Chambers, 7:00pm

7.3. Gubernatorial Candidate Election, Tuesday, September 14, 2010, Respective Polls, 7:00am-8:00pm

ADJOURN-It was motioned by Councilman Yeargin and seconded by Councilwoman Stephenson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:33p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham

City Clerk